



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Kenny C. Guinn, Governor

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May 30, 2006

NOTICE OF DECISION

Water Pollution Control

Permit Number NEV0086018

for the Twin Creeks Mine - North Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0086018 to Newmont Mining Corporation. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective June 14, 2006. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, June 9, 2006 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Responses to comments received during the public notice period are attached.